

this land who, together, comprise our great American family.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-first day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-second.

William J. Clinton

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NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* on November 25.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

November 15

In the morning, the President traveled to Sacramento, CA. While en route, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom concerning the situation in Iraq. In the afternoon, the President traveled to Malibu, CA.

In the evening, the President had a telephone conversation with President Jacques Chirac of France, who was traveling in Vietnam, concerning the new U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam and the situation in Iraq.

November 16

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Beverly Hills, and later, he traveled to Los Angeles, CA.

November 17

In the morning, the President traveled to Wichita, KS, arriving in the afternoon. While en route, he had telephone conversations with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, to express condolences for the victims of the terrorist attack in Luxor, and with United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan concerning the situation in Iraq.

Later, he traveled to St. Louis, MO, and in the evening, he returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to appoint Susan L. Graham as a member of the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science.

November 18

In the evening, the President met with President Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan in the Oval Office.

November 19

In the morning, the President met with President Alpha Oumar Konare of Mali in the Oval Office.

November 20

The President declared a major disaster in Iowa and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm October 26–28.

November 21

The President announced his intention to appoint Joseph B. Day as Commissioner of the Great Lakes Fisheries Commission.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released November 16

Statement by Press Secretary Mike McCurry on China's decision to release Wei Jingsheng